

# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Motor vehicle accidents killed 134 people in South Dakota in 1987 and injured 6,221; and,

WHEREAS, Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of violent death for people between the ages of 6 and 50 in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Motor vehicle accidents account for 10 times more fatalities than all other forms of transportation combined; and,

WHEREAS, Safety belts could prevent 40 to 50 percent of the traffic fatalities and reduce the number of serious injuries by 45 to 55 percent; and,

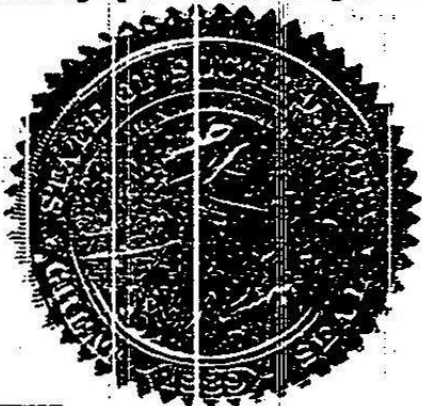
WHEREAS, The use of safety belts and child safety seats are the best defense against the drunk and drugged driver; and,

WHEREAS, Buckle Up America, May 23-30, is a nationwide campaign challenging citizens to make safety a lifetime habit by using child safety seats and safety belts every time they get into a motor vehicle;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 23 through 30, 1988, as

#### BUCKLE UP AMERICA WEEK

in South Dakota, and urge all citizens to establish a goal of always buckling up while traveling in motor vehicles.



ATTEST:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Sixth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight.

*George S. Mickelson*  
GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

*Joseph Hazelstine*  
JOSEPH HAZELSTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE